

2014 MSCPA Convention

June 26-29, 2014

The 2014 MSCPA Annual Convention is June 26-29, 2014 at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort in Sandestin, Florida. President Beth Burgess extends an invitation to all MSCPA members and friends of the Society to attend.

(Convention registration forms have been posted to the Society's website at www.ms-cpa.org)

Activities begin on Thursday, June 26 as exhibitors set up in the Baytowne Conference Center. Two four-hour CPE programs are offered with Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CRFA presenting a four-hour Ethics, Rules & Regulations Seminar Thursday morning and a four-hour course on Real Life Fraud Cases Thursday afternoon. A separate brochure with complete details is available on the two four-hour programs.

The convention registration desk opens at 1 p.m. Thursday on the second level of the Baytowne Conference Center. The welcome reception starts at 7 p.m. in the Azalea Ballroom officially opening the meeting and members will be greeted by the current MSCPA officers.

Tommye Barie, AICPA Vice Chairman,

presents a Professional Issues Update at 9 a.m. on Friday...

Tommye Barie has an extensive history of service to the accounting profession. From 2003-2006 and 2009-2013, she served as a member of the AICPA's governing Council and from 2010-2013, she was a member of the AICPA's Board of Directors. She served as Chair of the AICPA's Finance Committee from 2011-2013 and the National Accreditation Commission from 2008-2011. Barie served as President of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants from 2004-2005. She is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association and the Florida Government Finance Officers Association. Barie is a partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC and a member of the Firm's Audit and Accounting Committee. Since starting her career in 1983, her focus has been serving governmental entities and not-for-profit organizations by providing them financial and compliance audits, compilations, reviews, internal audits, and consulting services. Barie received her BBA in Accounting from Stetson University. She currently resides in

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May 9	Trustmark Park	Young CPA Conference
May 13-14	MSCPA Center	Program For Management Dev.
May 15	Embassy Suites	Accounting & Auditing Conference
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May 21-23	Hattiesburg	Clusters
May 28-30	Tupelo	Clusters
May 28-June 6	Ridgeland	Clusters
June 18-20	Gulfport	Clusters
June 26-29	Sandestin, FL	Annual Convention
August 14-15	Hilton-Jackson	Governmental A&A Conference
September 26	MSCPA Center	Healthcare Services Seminar
October 16	MSCPA Center	Industry Conference
October 24	MSCPA Center	Educator's Symposium
November 3-4	MSCPA Center	Corporate Income Tax Workshop
November 7	Christ UMC	Not-For-Profit Conference
November 17-18	MSCPA Center	Individual Income Tax Workshop
December 4	Hilton-Jackson	Mississippi Tax Institute
*December 12	MSCPA Center	Business Valuation & Litigation
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Committee Day May 16 – Volunteer!

MSCPA Committees meet Friday, May 16 for Committee Day at the MSCPA Building and members are encouraged to volunteer now for committee service.

The process is very easy:

Current committee rosters are carried on the Society's website at www.ms-cpa.org. Click on The Association tab at the top left and then follow the link to Committee Rosters. Review the committee titles and send an email to mail@ms-cpa.org listing up to three committee preferences.

President-Elect Karen Moody will make appointments this Spring and a confirmation will be sent to the committee member with details on your committee meeting on May 16. Continuing committee members will receive a notice of details on their committee meeting schedule.

Committees will meet during morning (9-11 a.m.) or afternoon (1-3 p.m.) sessions May 16.

Committees scheduled to meet in the morning starting at 9 o'clock include Accounting & Auditing, Governmental Accounting & Auditing, Health Care Services, Industry, Legislation, Non-Profits and the Young CPAs Liaison.

LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON: New this year is a leadership luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the MSCPA Building for incoming Committee Chairman, new Millennial Committee Chairmen, candidates for office this year and MSCPA officers. Guest speaker will be State Auditor Stacey Pickering.

The afternoon committee schedule starts at 1 p.m. and includes Awards, Education & Scholarships, Business Valuation, Continuing Professional Education, Firm Administration & Development, Insurance Trust, Long Range Planning, and Taxation.

Committees will plan their program of work for the new year. Minutes will be reviewed by the Board of Governors at the July meeting.

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Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Jim Crockett talks about his new book, *Power, Greed, and Hubris Judicial Bribery in Mississippi* at 10:15 a.m. ...

From 2003 to 2009 sensational judicial bribery scandals rocked Mississippi's legal system. Famed trial lawyers Paul Minor and Richard (Dickie) Scruggs and renowned judge and former prosecutor Bobby DeLaughter proved to be the nexus of these scandals. Seven attorneys and a former state auditor were alleged to have attempted to bribe or to have actually bribed five state judges to rule in favor of Minor and Scruggs in several lawsuits. This is the story of how federal authorities, following up on information provided by a bank examiner and a judge who could not be bribed, toppled Minor, Scruggs, and their enablers in what was exposed as the most significant legal scandal of twenty-first-century Mississippi. Dr. Crockett details the convoluted schemes that eventually put three of the judges, six of the attorneys, and the former auditor in federal prison. All of the men involved were successful professionals and three of them, Minor, Scruggs, and fellow attorney Joey Langston, were exceptionally wealthy. The stories involve power, greed, but most of all hubris. Dr. Crockett is professor emeritus at the University of Southern Mississippi and adjunct

professor of accountancy at the University of Mississippi. He is the author of *Hands in the Till: Embezzlement of Public Monies in Mississippi* and *Operation Pretense: The FBI's Sting on County Corruption in Mississippi*, both published by the University Press of Mississippi.

Following the morning presentations, members are free to enjoy an afternoon of relaxation or may choose to participate in the golf tournament on the Baytowne Course or aboard the Sweet Jody for an afternoon of fishing. A box lunch will be provided after the last speaker concludes.

Annual Business Meeting Starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday...

The Annual Business Meeting begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday with President Beth Burgess presiding. Officers for the 2014-2015 fiscal year will be elected and reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Insurance Trust Chairman, Legislation, and the Mississippi State Board of Public Accountancy will be presented. Members who have won the Outstanding Educator and Public Service Awards will also be honored. CPA Exam Medal Winners will be recognized.

Following the morning refreshment break, members will gather in the main meeting room at 11 a.m. for exhibitor prize drawings.

Free Time Saturday Afternoon

Members return from a free afternoon for the concluding reception and dinner in the Conference Center. President Burgess will introduce newly elected officers and the

traditional exchange of gavel will be made as President-Elect Karen Moody nears the beginning of her term.

Entertainment Saturday evening will feature comedian "The Cajun Ambassador", Jonathan Perry. Growing up in Vermilion parish in south Louisiana, "the most Cajun place on earth" has given Jonathan a unique viewpoint on the wonderful and often misunderstood culture of those people known as "Cajuns." This Cajun comedian is a practicing lawyer, a former prosecutor, a former police officer and is a current member of the Louisiana State Senate.



Prayer Breakfast Closes Convention Sunday morning...

The traditional Sunday morning Prayer Breakfast, very popular with members and well attended, will close the 2014 meeting.



Special for Spouses: On Friday morning at 9 o'clock, Vicki McCain of Destin returns by popular demand to present a cooking demonstration. Breakfast is included. Vicki presents cooking classes in the area and operated the Kitchenique Store for many years. This will be held on the Second Level of the Baytown Conference Center. And on Saturday starting at 9 a.m., bingo will be held in the conference center with prizes made possible by the MSCPA Chapters.



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Risks of Telecommuting by Randy Johnston

Fundamental building blocks that all firms must have to mitigate risk include 1) firewalls, 2) spam control and 3) anti-virus protection. The bad news for 2013 is that each of these three major product classes doesn't do as good or comprehensive job as they did last year or in many of the years before that. Why? The intruders and bad guys are getting more sophisticated at writing their code and creating effective attacks. Even the best of the firewall, spam and AV providers are now routinely letting more attacks, bad messages and malware through.

Firewall vendors such as Cisco, WatchGuard and SonicWALL are the best options for protecting your firm today, and entry level versions of these products should be considered for use by telecommuters. Home vendors like DLink, Belkin and Linksys have no chance of protecting your firm, and little chance of protecting telecommuters. As more firms choose to use hosting companies as a public cloud strategy, and more firms allow telecommuting using private cloud technologies like Citrix, Microsoft Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP, the former Terminal

Services), GoToMyPC, LogMeIn Pro or other remote access products, you will need to manage the risks of the remote users and home environments.

The best anti-virus products have been debated among technical suppliers and network administrators on a regular basis. Products that work well when used with CCH, Thomson and Intuit products include GFI Vire, and McAfee. Products that tend to cause more issues include Symantec, Kaspersky, and Panda. It is still wise to use different anti-virus products on your desktop and server computers than you do on your firewalls. In prior times, we recommended a third different product for your servers, but this strategy is much harder for an IT team to execute properly today. Further, the end-point protection suites don't seem to do a better job AND they run slower. One final note: with Windows 8, the built in Microsoft Security Essentials anti-virus isn't perfect, but it may be "good enough", which should reduce your need to license AV on every desktop.

Getting Mobility Right for Telecommuters

Many of you have invested in tablets, smartphones and of course portable computers to improve the productivity of your team members, professionals and firm. Have you protected your firm properly by managing all of these mobile tools? Our fundamental advice is to encrypt all mobile devices.

Managing mobile devices properly is difficult. There are many technologies involved from 1) hosting software such as Citrix XenApp, Citrix XenDesktop or VMware View, to 2) wireless and cellular data connections to 3) the devices themselves. If a computer is used on a team member's home network, other users in the home can infect the team member's machine and access to your office can be granted via these other home machines. 4) We recommend isolating telecommuter's business computers from other home users using a hardware firewall. Finally, it is wise to have 5) software that can manage all of your firm's mobile resources.

Remote workers must be savvy and understand how to use cellular data cards or shared cellular wireless access points (MIFI) or

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WIFI. Remote users frequently find that MIFI is not quick enough to provide satisfactory performance although this is improving with the new 4G coverage in the larger cities in South Carolina. Your firm should have control procedures for using wireless. Some firms do not allow the use of any public wireless, which is a reasonable safety position. Wireless access in most people's homes is not secure enough to prevent unauthorized access, so you may want to consider a wired connection from homes mandatory.

For your mobile devices, make sure that every device is encrypted. Further, for tablets and smartphones, make sure your IT team has required PIN codes or swipe codes required through Microsoft Active Directory. You do not want any user on a portable device without at least a PIN code. For portable computers, require user IDs and strong passwords.

A more recent innovation is mobile management software to control and secure mobile devices. Example products in this category include AirWatch, MobileIron, Good, MaaS and Level Platforms. These software products control the software that can be

installed, remotely update the devices and can wipe the device clean if it is lost or stolen. This ability to wipe a device is important for controlling risk for breach reporting law compliance or when someone leaves the firm.

Another risk element to the firm is any portable USB hard drives or thumb drives that are not encrypted. Consider purchasing drives that are encrypted full-time like those made by IronKey, or simply enforce a policy for using Microsoft Bitlocker on all removable USB drives. For client and team member convenience, you may want to leave a small section of the USB drive that is not encrypted for temporary transfer of files. Alternatively, use your portal for transferring files, and continue to eliminate the use of USB drives everywhere.

Other Considerations

In this article, we have tried to cover the big risk items on telecommuting: firewalls, spam, anti-virus, risk of using wireless, remote access, PIN codes, remote device control, management software as well as encryption. These items are the highest risk items, and there are many other fine points in a comprehensive telecommuting plan and risk mitigation. For example, note that we did

not talk about having a formal telecommuter policy, secure email, physical security of the computers including security locks, two factor authentication, phone/voice quality, video conferencing, web conferencing, intellectual property theft, password managers, VPNs, Direct Access, intrusion detection tests or the need to keep all of this technology updated on a regular, almost daily basis.

When telecommuting is done right, team members can work as effectively at home or at a client site as they do at the office. Speed and the use of multiple monitors should be comparable, too. The main things you give up are wasted time spent around the water cooler and on commuting. It is also more difficult to keep engaged, personal relationships. You'll have to have a plan to keep team members engaged with others in the organization to keep them from being susceptible to predatory hiring by other companies who use telecommuters.

Randy Johnston and his K2 Team provide CPE courses through the State Society offices, in-house at your firm or via webinars. His NMGI team provides IT consulting services and recommendations to CPAs as a benefit of your membership and attending K2 events. If you have questions on any hardware, software, procedures or IT strategies for your firm, contact Randy@k2e.com with your questions or to schedule a time to speak.



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Is Windows 8 In Your Future?

New Update Removes Obstacles To Upgrading

Thomas G. Stephens, Jr., CPA.CITP

One year after its public availability, Windows 8 has garnered approximately 7.41% of the operating system market, according to data released by Net Applications. Though Windows 8 share of the market pales in comparison to Windows 7's 46% share, it does exceed – though barely – Apple's 7.28% share. Moreover, momentum behind Windows 8 appears to be building and many anticipate significant gains in Microsoft's latest operating system in the coming quarters. Given this background, perhaps now is the right time to consider whether you should upgrade to Windows 8 in the near future.

Windows 8.1 Release Addresses Issues for Business Users

When Microsoft released Windows 8, many business users and information technology managers immediately chose to avoid the operating system for two reasons. First, Windows 8 contains no

"Start" button, creating some confusion around how to launch traditional applications such as Excel and accounting and tax applications. Second, business users would have to boot the operating system to the new Modern user interface, and then navigate to the more traditional desktop user interface found in prior versions of Windows.

In August, Microsoft released Windows 8.1 to manufacturing, and the product will be available to the public beginning on October 17 and this update addresses both of the issues cited above. Users who upgrade to Windows 8.1 will benefit from a newly designed Start button to provide direct access from the desktop to traditional applications and from the ability to boot a computer directly to the desktop. With these two enhancements, Microsoft removed two of the major obstacles stopping many business users from migrating Windows 8. In addition, Windows 8.1 provides a

number of additional features targeted to business users, including tools to assist in managing Bring Your Own Device scenarios, enhancements to facilitate computing while away from the office, and security enhancements. In sum, the release of Windows 8.1 should cause businesses that originally avoided upgrading to reconsider that decision.

The Last Days of Windows XP

Since its introduction in 2001, Windows XP has provided exceptional reliability, stability, and functionality to millions of business users. However, in conjunction with Microsoft's stated product support policy, Windows XP will be "sunset" on April 8, 2014. After this date, Microsoft will no longer support Windows XP and the company will no longer provide service packs, updates, patches, etc. for Windows 8. For this reason, virtually all business users of Windows XP should plan to migrate away

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from Windows XP before April of 2014.

Presently, Windows XP holds 33% of the operating system market and a substantial portion of these users are in businesses. If you are currently running Windows XP, the migration to Windows 8 will be a significant effort, as you will need to perform a “clean install” of Windows 8. This means that you cannot load Windows 8 on top of your existing Windows XP or Windows Vista installation. Of course, with a clean installation you will need to reinstall all of your applications and restore a backup of all of your data files once you install Windows 8. Note that a clean install is not necessary if you are upgrading from Windows 7. Rather, in this case you can install Windows 8 over the top of the existing Windows 7 installation.

What About Hardware?

Windows 8 does not place any onerous requirements on hardware. In general, almost every computer that would have run Windows Vista and Windows 7 will also run Windows 8. Further, many computers that run Windows XP currently can run Windows 8 without any hardware upgrades or replacements.

Specific hardware requirements for Windows 8 include the following:

- Processor: 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster
- RAM: 1 gigabyte (GB) (32-bit) or 2

GB (64-bit)

- Free hard disk space: 16 GB (32-bit) or 20 GB (64-bit)
- Graphics card: MicrosoftDirectX 9 graphics device with WDDM driver

If you are unsure as to whether your computer meets these specs, note that the Windows 8 installation routine will check your computer as part of the installation process. If your computer does not meet the minimum specs, the installation process will abort and notify you of any deficiencies.

Is Windows 8 Difficult to Learn to Use?

In my experience, not at all. In fact, most business users will likely perform most of their actions from the Windows 8 traditional desktop. If that is the case, users will notice very little difference between Windows 8 and prior versions of Windows. In fact, the only difference you might see is improved speed, as you will notice that Windows 8 is very fast, both in booting a computer and in performing specific tasks such as opening a file, searching a folder, and launching applications.

Those who choose to work with Windows 8 through the Modern interface will see many differences between Windows 8 and prior versions of Windows. This is analogous to a Mac user who purchases an iPad – yes, there are differences but learning how to use an iPad is a very simple process for most, just as learning to use Windows 8 from the Modern interface will likely not present many obstacles to those who decide to use

the operating system in that fashion.

Summary

Windows 8 has much to offer. Improved speed and security, coupled with productivity enhancements make this an operating system that all computer users should look at and consider using. Further, with the release of Windows 8.1 and the impending sunset of Windows XP, a large number of current Windows XP users will likely migrate to Windows 8 because of the “carrot and stick” combination, with Windows 8.1 being the “carrot” and Windows XP’s sunset being the “stick.” As you consider whether Windows 8 is in your future, be sure to take into account that most users will not need to invest in new hardware in order to realize benefits from the upgrade.

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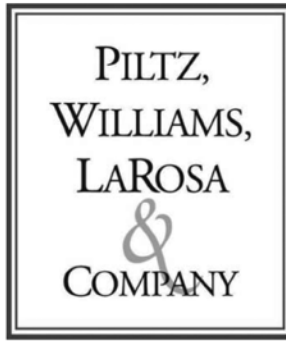
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MAY & JUNE 2014

May 9, 2014

Friday

Jackson

Trustmark Park

Young CPA Conference

Discussion Leader: Panel

Cost: Members: \$100 Non-Members: \$100 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 8 TBA **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** YCPA

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and registration information on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

May 12, 2014

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

MS Sales and Use Tax

Discussion Leader: Greg Duke, CPA

Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-12:00

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** MSUT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar, led by a representative of the Mississippi Department of Revenue, will include an introduction on *Sales Tax: Levies, Returns and Filing, and Exemptions; Use Tax; Causal Sales Tax; Industry-Specific Sales Tax; Contractor's Tax; and more. This seminar will be a great opportunity to get the latest Sales and Use Tax information directly from the Department of Revenue.

May 13-14, 2014

Tuesday-Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Program for Management Development

Discussion Leader: Panel

Cost: Members: \$260 Non-Members: \$340 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 16 TBA **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** PMD

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and registration information on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

May 15, 2014

Thursday

Ridgeland

Embassy Suites

Accounting and Auditing Conference

Discussion Leader: Panel

Cost: Members: \$200 Non-Members: \$275 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** AAC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: As the date for this event approaches, please access the MSCPA web site for details and registration information on this conference. www.ms-cpa.org

May 19-20, 2014

Monday-Tuesday

Ridgeland

Embassy Suites

MS Technology Conference

Discussion Leader: Panel

Cost: Members: \$435 Non-Members: \$585 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-4:30

LEVEL: Update **CPE Credit:** 16 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** MTC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This conference is filled with 16 hours of fast-paced presentations designed to maximize your time and enhance your learning. Nationally recognized speakers have extensive expertise in numerous software applications. They will share their knowledge with you in order to help you do your job with efficiency and ease. Participants will receive helpful tips and advanced techniques, along with the tools and skills necessary to keep up with the ever-increasing pace of changes in computer technology. This conference is designed for CPAs in public practice or industry who want to take better advantage of technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Check the MSCPA web site (www.ms-cpa.org) in early April for details on 2014 topics and breakout sessions.

May 19, 2014

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Fraud Happened . . . Now What?

Discussion Leader: Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CRFA

Cost: Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0

Course Hours: 8:30-12:00

LEVEL: Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** FHNW

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In this course you will step into the shoes of the investigator engaged to uncover the fact (who, how, and how much) of a fraudulent crime. Many small businesses have limited resources for sophisticated systems of internal controls to exist and when this is coupled with a lack of system enhancements that will not only apply in the sample case, but can be recommended in real life, too.

May 19, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

A Closer Look at Some Real Life Fraud Cases**Discussion Leader:** Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CRFA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** RLFC-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course will take a look at a selection of some high profile and not so high profile fraud cases with a discussion on what happened, how it happened and what may have prevented or detected these frauds.

May 20, 2014

Tuesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

MAP Conference**Discussion Leader:** Ellison Belt & Jennifer Hall**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** MAP

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: **Social Media: Why it Matters** – This portion will take a look at developing your social media strategy, budget, making the most of social media marketing and building your audience.
Nuts and Bolts of Employment Law – This portion will provide an overview of employment law and how it relates to your accounting practice. It will also cover Federal Employment Law; hiring, discipline, termination and how to avoid common employment mistakes.

May 20, 2014

Tuesday
Ridgeland
Grantham Poole

AICPA Peer Review Program Advanced Course**Discussion Leader:** Gloria Roberts, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ADPRT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This one-day, advanced course is designed for experienced reviewers who want to heighten their peer review skills. It is an excellent follow-up to the AICPA's training course, *How to Conduct a Review Under the AICPA Practice-Monitoring Program*. This course includes an analysis of the latest AICPA Peer Review Program Standards as well as materials focused on the areas of peer review guidance which reviewers find the most problematic.

May 21, 2014

Wednesday
Hattiesburg
Lake Terrace Conf. Ctr.

Ethics, Rules and Regulations**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** ERR-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This seminar satisfies the State Board's requirement for three hours of general ethics and one hour of Mississippi Rules and Regulations.

May 21, 2014

Wednesday
Hattiesburg
Lake Terrace Conf. Ctr.

Health Care Reform Act: Critical Tax and Insurance Ramifications**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4HCRA-1

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May 21, 2014

Wednesday
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The Top 50 Mistakes Practitioners Make and How to Fix them: Individual Tax and Financial Planning**Discussion Leader:** Sue Smith, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** INBB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Every practitioner has been confronted with a client who had a different twist on a tax idea. This course focuses on the "law" in order to break down 50 situations in which a taxpayer has attempted to push one of these ideas. The study of the law underlying the tax mistakes made will assist practitioners in satisfying their professional standards of practice. This course will give CPAs a deeper insight into underlying tax law for some common client transactions that many offices have seen, plus some not-so-common client transactions.

May 21, 2014

Wednesday

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Excel Tips, Tricks and Techniques for Accountants**Discussion Leader:** Robert H. (Bob) Spencer, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** EXL

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Excel is the accountant's tool of choice for analyzing and reporting financial data, yet most accountants have never received any formal Excel training. As a result, many accountants use time-consuming and error-prone processes to complete everyday tasks. This highly acclaimed course contains hundreds of tips, tricks, and techniques to improve your productivity and accuracy. Its content is based on over twenty years of experience in delivering Excel training to accountants and on feedback from tens of thousands of accounting and financial professionals just like you. The course has six major areas of topical coverage: productivity tips and tricks, formatting essentials, customizing Excel, formula-building essentials, three-dimensional workbooks, and printing essentials. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

May 22, 2014

Thursday

Hattiesburg

Lake Terrace Conf. Ctr.

Performing Compilations & Reviews**Discussion Leader:** Kurt Oestriecher, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** PCRE-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for the accountant that performs compilation and review engagements under SSARS. This is not an update course, but rather a comprehensive review of all that is required to successfully complete a compilation or a review within standards. Major topics include: Applicability of SSARS, Financial Reporting Frameworks, Engagement Issues, Performance Requirements, Reporting Requirements, Documentation Requirements and tips to make your practice more profitable.

May 22, 2014

Thursday

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New

MSCPA Center

Getting More Active with the Passive Activity Rules & the New Net Investment Income**Discussion Leader:** Sue Smith, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** PAIT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Now more than ever, every business owner and real estate investor must determine if they materially participate in any and all trades or businesses, even if they make a profit or a loss, because of the new net investment income tax. These extremely complicated rules require an in-depth understanding of election and planning issues that CPAs need to know. The IRS has been very aggressive in audits under the passive loss rules and will now expand their investigation to include the new NII tax.

May 22, 2014

Thursday

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Technology for CPAs - Don't Get Left Behind**Discussion Leader:** Robert H. (Bob) Spencer, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** TEC-1

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May 23, 2014

Friday

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New

Lake Terrace Conf. Ctr.

Annual Standards Update**Discussion Leader:** Kurt Oestriecher, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** ASU-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The annual standards update is a comprehensive overview of accounting, auditing, compilation and review, and ethics standards that have been issued within the past 18 months. In addition to the authoritative standards listed above, non-authoritative standards such as FRF for SMEs will be covered in this class.

May 23, 2014

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Handbook for Mastering Basis, Distributions, etc.**Discussion Leader:** Sue Smith, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** HMBI

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The most difficult concepts to master when dealing with flow-through business entities are the basis and distribution concepts. Major error and malpractice issues occur if the CPA does not fully understand the impact of these rules. This course is designed to focus on the practical applications of these rules.

May 23, 2014

Friday

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Audits of 401K Plans**Discussion Leader:** Bill Felder, CPA, CISA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** AFKP-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: 401(k) plans are a popular option for employee benefit plans, so you must have the proper skill to audit these plans effectively. Every aspect of how to audit a 401(k) plan and prepare financial statements that satisfy ERISA and SEC requirements are covered in this course. Tap into ways to plan and conduct 401 (k) audits more efficiently and effectively, and understand the differences between 401(k) audits and other employee benefit plan audits.

May 27, 2014

Tuesday

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Estate and Life Planning Issues for the Middle-Income Client**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** PMIC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Clients think that estate planning only applies to the very rich. In truth, there are many issues of critical concern for which the middle-income client needs to plan. This course is a must-attend for all CPAs who work with middle-income clients and are looking for ways to provide additional quality services.

May 28, 2014

Wednesday

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Internal Control Best Practices for Small and Medium Sized Entities**Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms, PhD, CPA, CISA, CIA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ICSM

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course provides practical guidance for those involved with internal control responsibilities in adapting the updated COSO Internal Control Framework to small and medium-sized entities. This course will show you the best practices for designing, implementing, monitoring, evaluating, and auditing cost-effective internal controls for small and medium-sized entities.

May 28, 2014

Wednesday

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S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance, and Tax Strategies**Discussion Leader:** Jan Lewis, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** SCORP-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Get the knowledge you need to speak effectively to new and current clients about how you can make the S Corporation business model work for them. Be prepared to explain the benefits and drawbacks of electing S Corporation status and why more business taxpayers favor the pass-through entity over the C Corporation. Discuss the most misunderstood areas of S Corporations taxation and how businesses and shareholders can use them to their advantage.

May 28, 2014

Wednesday

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Ethics, Rules and Regulations**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** ERR-2

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May 29, 2014

Thursday

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IT Risks and Controls in Current and Emerging Environments**Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms, PhD, CPA, CISA, CIA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ITRC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Accounting transactions and other types of processing are conducted in a variety of IT environments. These IT environments could be traditional, such as Local Area Network, or emerging, such as cloud and mobile computing. There are internal controls and risks that are common to all IT environments in both large and small entities. There are also IT internal controls and risks that are unique to less complex, more complex, traditional, and emerging technologies. This course will cover these topics and others including trust services associated with the internet and cloud computing, testing procedures, management controls, electronic evidence, COSO IT controls, and the most recently ranked top IT technologies.

May 29, 2014

Thursday

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May 29, 2014

Thursday

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Excel Financial Reporting and Analysis**Discussion Leader:** Karl W. Egnatoff, CPA, CITP**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** EFR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Microsoft Excel is a powerful tool for analyzing financial data and preparing financial reports, but like most powerful tools, it contains hidden features and functionality useful for these purposes that are not obvious to users, both novice and expert alike. The purpose of this course is to uncover these hidden features so that users may prepare computationally accurate and aesthetically pleasing reports in a more effective and efficient manner. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

May 30, 2014

Friday

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Fraud In Purchasing and Cash Disbursements Cycles**Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms, PhD, CPA, CISA, CIA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4PCD

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Purchasing and cash disbursements are common targets for fraud in any entity's environment. While business owners and managers are aware that internal controls seem to be very important, they often don't know whether the entity's system is adequate. While accountants instinctively know that internal controls are important and necessary, it is sometimes difficult to effectively communicate this with business owners. It is important to focus on common frauds and internal controls over the purchasing and cash disbursements processes. This course teaches you to hone in on smaller businesses and nonprofit entities where cost/benefit analysis is extremely important and fraud is more likely to occur. Learn how to efficiently analyze controls to ensure you're getting the "biggest bang for your buck" when considering a control to implement and/or test.

May 30, 2014

Friday

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Fraud and Cash Receipts: Common Frauds and Internal Controls**Discussion Leader:** Glenn Helms, PhD, CPA, CISA, CIA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4RCR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Revenue and cash receipts are two critical areas that require strong controls to prevent intentional fraud or unintentional misstatements. While there is well-publicized fraud in these areas in larger companies, it also occurs in smaller businesses and nonprofit entities. A sound system of internal controls is needed to help prevent fraud. All too often, a one-size-fits-all system is put in place without considering the uniqueness of each entity. It is crucial that an internal control system is tailored so that the areas of greatest risk receive the most attention.

May 30, 2014

Friday

Tupelo

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Forensic Accounting Investigative Practices**Discussion Leader:** Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CRFA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FAIP-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course dives into the unique investigative and communications skills and analytical practices required of the best forensic accountants by teaching you how to provide expert witness testimony in mediations, arbitrations, and governmental hearings. You'll also learn how to use proven research, investigative methods, and proper documentation of evidence to successfully complete a forensic accounting engagement.

May 30, 2014

Friday

Tupelo

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Technology for CPAs - Don't Get Left Behind**Discussion Leader:** Karl W. Egnatoff, CPA, CITP**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** TEC-2

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June 2, 2014

Monday

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Forensic Accounting: Uncovering Schemes and Scams**Discussion Leader:** Joann Cross, CPA, CMA, CGMA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4FAFR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you prepared for the increasing demand for forensic accountants and forensic accounting procedures to detect and prevent fraudulent financial reporting? As the focus on fraud discovery and deterrence rises, accountants must hone their skills to recognize fraudulent or deceptive practices and build their knowledge to redesign internal controls to prevent misappropriation of assets. Maintaining these valuable abilities is easier said than done. This course enables you to learn investigative techniques to uncover fraudulent scams and schemes and to sharpen your forensic skills.

June 2, 2014

Monday

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Special Purpose Frameworks - Alternatives to GAAP**Discussion Leader:** Joann Cross, CPA, CMA, CGMA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CTB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Alternatives to GAAP can be more useful, relevant, consistent, and cost-effective for countless non-SEC registered businesses. This course provides the practical information you need to prepare financial statements presented in accordance with a "special purpose framework" (SPF) (previously known as other comprehensive basis of accounting (OCBOA)). SPFs discussed include the cash basis, modified cash basis, income tax basis, and AICPA's Financial Reporting Framework for Small and Medium-Sized Entities.

June 3, 2014

Tuesday

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New FASB Developments for Business & Industry**Discussion Leader:** Joann Cross, CPA, CMA, CGMA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4FASBI

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: CPAs in corporate management will benefit from this overview of new and recent FASB pronouncements. Gain expertise from a high-level approach to financial reporting issues backed by detailed descriptions and examples of the implementation of new standards. This training session guides you in assessing recent FASB guidance that has a major effect on all industries and provides you with an understanding of the latest pronouncements and exposure documents so that you are able to develop implementation strategies.

June 3, 2014

Tuesday

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Statement of Cash Flows: Preparation, Presentation and Use**Discussion Leader:** Joann Cross, CPA, CMA, CGMA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4FCFS

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Top off your knowledge of the statement of cash flows. Review statement of cash flows preparation and presentation options and improve cash flow analysis. Explore the requirements of cash flows guidance and related standards and learn how to make appropriate classifications of transactions and events.

June 4, 2014

Wednesday

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Social Security and Medicare: Maximizing Retirement Benefits**Discussion Leader:** Michael A. Frost, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4SSM

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Our Social Security system provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to millions of Americans. The long-term future of Social Security and Medicare is uncertain, triggering concerns for many workers who are now paying into the system. Attend this course to learn what matters, cover real-world situations and use the tools provided to advise your clients to make optimal decisions when it comes to Social Security and Medicare.

June 4, 2014

Wednesday

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New**Smart Tax Planning Strategies for Individuals****Discussion Leader:** Michael A. Frost, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CYCT-1**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Make sure your clients are protecting themselves from the onslaught of higher taxes. Get the latest techniques for building and conserving wealth through proactive tax-planning and investment strategies. Completely updated for tax law changes, this course will bring you up-to-date on the latest strategies which will keep more money in the hands of your clients and make you look like a hero!

June 5, 2014

Thursday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

New**Capitalized Costs and Depreciation: Key Issues and Answers****Discussion Leader:** Michael A. Frost, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CCD**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Gain a comprehensive and practical understanding of the various complex tax laws dealing with property transactions from acquisition to disposition. This course provides analysis of the rules dealing with depreciation, amortization, like-kind exchanges, involuntary conversions and sale of property. It also covers important property-related timing issues and planning opportunities that can lead to significant tax savings for C Corporations and S Corporations.

June 5, 2014

Thursday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

New**Cancellation of Debt for Individuals and Businesses****Discussion Leader:** Michael A. Frost, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4CDIB**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This example-heavy course explores the multi-faceted topic of cancellation of debt for individuals and businesses. Topics discussed include proper treatment and reporting of foreclosures, short-sales, income reported on forms 1099-C and 1099-A, and preparation of Form 982 among others. Income exclusions related to qualified principal residence indebtedness, qualified real property business indebtedness, bankruptcy, and insolvency will be reviewed with real-life examples.

June 6, 2014

Friday

Ridgeland

New

MSCPA Center

Risk, Cost and Cash Management for Controllers and Financial Managers**Discussion Leader:** Anthony Larusso, CMA, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4TKBP

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: When an organization fails, it is usually due to several factors. These often result from a number of undetected, poor practices that infect and grow throughout the entire organization. This course demonstrates the use of practices and techniques specifically designed to assist CPAs and other financial professionals in adding value to their company through improved decision-making, cost management, understanding business cycles, managing continuous improvements, cash management, and risk management. Examples of actions by both successful and failed organizations are used throughout the session.

June 6, 2014

Friday

Ridgeland

New

MSCPA Center

Position Your Organization for Success: Strategies for Today's Competitive Environment**Discussion Leader:** Anthony Larusso, CMA, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4GSCA

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In today's economic environment financial professionals must play an active role in positioning their organization for success. They not only need to be well-grounded in their core technical skills, but also in non-traditional skills. This program provides specific ideas and actions that can improve both today's activities and future results.

June 9, 2014

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Performing Compilations & Reviews**Discussion Leader:** Kurt Oestricher, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** PCRE-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course is designed for the accountant that performs compilation and review engagements under SSARS. This is not an update course, but rather a comprehensive review of all that is required to successfully complete a compilation or a review within standards. Major topics include: Applicability of SSARS, Financial Reporting Frameworks, Engagement issues, Performance Requirements, Reporting Requirements, Documentation Requirements and tips to make your practice more profitable.

June 9, 2014

Monday

Ridgeland

Holmes CC

Estate Planning Essentials: Tax Relief for Your Clients**Discussion Leader:** Harris H. (Trip) Barnes, III, JD, LL.M.**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EPE-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Designed to eliminate estate problems and "death taxes," this course emphasizes practical solutions that are cost effective. Shielding your clients' assets in a changing political environment requires vigilance and an understanding of the shifting rules, exemptions, and allowances. Get a clear picture of present law and learn what you can do to minimize exposure. Those who planned for the possible sunset of the 2012 tax exemptions taught us a very valuable lesson: the need for expert advice by professionals who are carefully monitoring the situation. Make sure you can be that trusted advisor to your clients!

June 10, 2014

Tuesday

Ridgeland

New

Holmes CC

Slashing taxes For Your Small Business Clients: Corporations, Partnerships, & LLCs**Discussion Leader:** Pamela Davis-Vaughn, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** STSB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Solid tax planning strategies are essential for your corporate and small business clients. Join us as we explore state-of-the-art planning ideas and tax-saving strategies to keep more of your client's money in their pockets. We'll answer the tough questions and show you what strategies are best for your clients as a result of the most recent tax reform.

June 10, 2014*Tuesday**Ridgeland***New***MSCPA Center***Auditing Standards Update****Discussion Leader:** Kurt Oestrieher, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Self-developed **ACRONYM:** ASU-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The annual standards update is a comprehensive overview of accounting, auditing, compilation and review, and ethics standards that have been issued within the past 18 months. In addition to the authoritative standards listed above, non-authoritative standards such as FRF for SMEs will be covered in this class.

June 11, 2014*Wednesday**Ridgeland**MSCPA Center***Auditing Employee Benefit Plans****Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EBPE-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Master the fundamentals of auditing employee benefit plans in accordance with AICPA and EBSA standards and avoid the problems that are often encountered. Explore the accounting and auditing requirements unique to employee benefit plans. This course is designed to give you an understanding of requirements and audit procedures related to defined contribution, defined benefit and health and welfare plans to help you more effectively plan and carry out your audit.

June 11, 2014*Wednesday**Ridgeland**Holmes CC***Multi-State Income Tax****Discussion Leader:** Pamela Davis-Vaughn, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** MIT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: You can conquer the theoretical conundrums and compliance issues caused by the question of whether or not a business has nexus in a particular jurisdiction. Be the one to guide your client skillfully through the maze of multistate corporate tax codes. Rapidly develop a working knowledge of both multistate tax compliance and related planning opportunities. With the rate of change, you can't afford to be out-of-date with your knowledge of this critical tax area.

June 12, 2014*Thursday**Ridgeland***New***MSCPA Center***Ethics and Our Profession for MS CPAs****Discussion Leader:** Dan Chenoweth, MBA, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**New****Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 Ethics **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** EOP-MS

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course will take a look at recent history of corporate misdeeds: The problem of "short-termism and the need for "patient capital" and the problem of over-reliance on government solutions. How to restore trust in business-three lines of defense: Financial Managers; Internal Auditors and External Auditors. The attributes of stewardship and what accounting professionals can do to create corporations that are more responsible to ALL their stakeholders. This seminar will include class discussion of real world ethics cases.

June 12, 2014*Thursday**Ridgeland**MSCPA Center***Financial Leadership: Create and Deliver Value****Discussion Leader:** Dan Chenoweth, MBA, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate/Advanced **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** FL

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The Financial Manager's role has expanded dramatically in recent years to include a role in creating the organization's strategy as well as driving the changes necessary to implement that strategy. This seminar will provide ideas, skills and confidence to help you make the transition from "Value Preserver" to "Value Creator."

June 12, 2014*Thursday**Ridgeland**Holmes CC***S Corporations: Key Issues, Compliance and Tax Strategies****Discussion Leader:** Jan Lewis, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** SCORP-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Get the knowledge you need to speak effectively to new and current clients about how you can make the S Corporation business model work for them. Be prepared to explain the benefits and drawbacks of electing S Corporation status and why more business taxpayers favor the pass-through entity over the C Corporation. Discuss the most misunderstood areas of S Corporations taxation and how businesses and shareholders can use them to their advantage.

June 13, 2014

Friday
Ridgeland
Holmes CC

Form 1041: Income Taxation of Estates and Trusts**Discussion Leader:** Michael A. Frost, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ITET

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Protect your clients' assets and shield their estates from increased taxation brought about by the changing tax code. Understand the tax obligations of trusts and estates and how these obligations affect beneficiaries. This course provides exercises and examples that reflect the calculation and allocation of taxable income and its presentation on the appropriate forms. You will also learn how to prepare Federal Form 1041 and the accompanying schedules.

June 13, 2014

Friday
Ridgeland **New**
MSCPA Center

Annual Financial Management Spotlight: 4 Current Topics**Discussion Leader:** Dan Chenoweth, MBA, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A-6 Ethics-2 **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** AFMS

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you looking for an update class that's completely new every year? You've come to the right place. Each year Executive Education will completely replace this class spotlighting four current financial management topics: Ethical Leadership; Private Company Accounting; Risk Management and Crowd Funding. This seminar will provide at least five group exercises and opportunities for group discussion.

June 16, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

The Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial Planning Ideas of 2014**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** IEFPP-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: With higher tax rates for individuals and trusts, tax planning takes on more importance. Plus, with Social Security going bust and interest rates at an all-time low, new ideas for financial planning for retirement must be considered. The purpose of this course is to explore practical tax-planning ideas that practitioners can use to assist clients with their needs. This course is crucial for CPAs who are looking for good ideas that can save clients money!

June 16, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland
Holmes CC

Compilations and Reviews: Engagement Performance and Annual Update**Discussion Leader:** James R. (Jim) Crockett, CPA, DBA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** CRAU-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Specifically designed for compilation and review practitioners and their staff, this course will provide you with a comprehensive review and hands-on application for performing compilation and review engagements. You'll learn the ins and outs of SSARS No. 19, the most significant change to the compilation and review standards since their inception over thirty years ago. Not only will this course bring you up to date on SSARS requirements and guidance, but more importantly, it will provide you with practical examples and illustrations to help you effectively and efficiently perform compilation and review engagements. This course is intended to be your go-to reference for training your staff and managing your compilation and review practice services.

June 17, 2014

Tuesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Financial Reporting Framework for SMEs**Discussion Leader:** Wayne Wells, CPA, CFE**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FRFS

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Now CPAs have a great new value-add option for their small business clients and employers. The AICPA's recently issued Financial Reporting Framework (FRF) for Small and Medium-Sized Entities (SMEs) is a simpler and more cost-effective reporting alternative to GAAP, suited for privately-held, small to medium-sized companies. In this course you will experience a practical overview of FRF for SMEs to help you apply the framework, including the form, content and disclosures that apply to most SMEs.

June 18, 2014

Wednesday

Gulfport

Marriott Gulfport

Advanced Controller and CFO Skills**Discussion Leader:** Steven J. Toups, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** ACCS**COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION:** This course examines best practices of leading-edge controllers and CFOs.

Demonstrate your advanced skills that add value and contribute to the success of the organization. You will learn 10 specific skills every CFO or controller needs to be successful, and you will find that you suddenly have more power and influence than you ever thought possible.

June 18, 2014

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Identifying Fraudulent Financial Transactions**Discussion Leader:** Wayne Wells, CPA, CFE**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FE-FFT

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Financial statement fraud continues to plague corporate America and remains at the center of the CPA's forensic investigation. This course defines the nature of financial statement fraud, the auditor's responsibilities for fraud and a framework for preventing and detecting fraud. You will analyze a variety of schemes and learn how to spot the red flags of fraud in financial information.

June 18, 2014

Wednesday

Gulfport

Marriott Gulfport

Governmental and Not-for-Profit Annual Update**Discussion Leader:** Charles Borek, CPA, JD, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** GNAU-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Change is inevitable and at times overwhelming if you are unprepared. Ensure you are current in governmental and nonprofit accounting and auditing. This update course is designed to prepare you for the latest accounting and auditing developments affecting governments and not-for-profits.

June 19, 2014

Thursday

Gulfport

New

Marriott Gulfport

Microsoft Office 365 - Your Office, Your Way**Discussion Leader:** William C. (Will) Fleenor, CPA, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** MCO-4-1**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In this seminar, you will learn the value proposition behind Office 365, how to take advantage of its features, and how to configure Office 365 services such as email, Office Web Apps, collaboration tools, and instant messaging and online meeting. After completing this course, you and your team will be able to work from just about anywhere, on almost any device, and at virtually any time using Office 365. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 19, 2014

Thursday

Gulfport

New

Marriott Gulfport

Word, Outlook, and PowerPoint - Tips and Tricks for Enhancing Productivity**Discussion Leader:** William C. (Will) Fleenor, CPA, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** MOT4**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In this half-day session, you will learn the best ways to work with Word, Outlook, and PowerPoint, and increase your productivity in the process. Among the topics covered in this seminar are Styles-Word's best feature; exporting a Word document to a PowerPoint presentation; how to manage the email avalanche in Outlook; and using Office Web Apps, SkyDrive, and SkyDrive Pro to work with your data anytime and anywhere. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 19, 2014

Thursday

Ridgeland

New

MSCPA Center

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS FOR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS**Discussion Leader:** Richard A. Karwic, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** CTS**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Choose this seminar to understand why common and easily attributed factors generally aren't the true cause when leaders and organizations blunder. In the aftermath of bad business decisions, many turn to finance and accounting professionals for evaluation, answers, remedies, and solutions. This seminar provides conceptual and case study material to better equip you for the challenge.

June 19, 2014

Thursday

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SHORTEN MONTH END**Discussion Leader:** Richard A. Karwic, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** SME

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: The average North American company completes their monthly financial statement closing in five days. Some companies are able to close their books in one day or less. Yet, many financial managers who are pressured to shorten financial statement preparation time, still struggle with the balance between accuracy and speed. This seminar will focus on three key aspects of every close and provide attendees with methods to prepare better quality financial information faster and cheaper.

June 19, 2014

Thursday

Gulfport

Marriott Gulfport

Not-for-Profit Accounting & Reporting: From Start to Finish**Discussion Leader:** Charles Borek, CPA, JD, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** NPAR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Rather than training to run part of the race, train to run the entire race from start to finish. This course trains you to clear the key hurdles in not-for-profit accounting and reporting in an efficient and effective manner. Avoid the potholes of confusion and finish first by providing a financial picture that end users can truly understand.

June 20, 2014

Friday

Gulfport

Marriott Gulfport

Advanced Excel**Discussion Leader:** William C. (Will) Fleenor, CPA, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Advanced **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** ADE

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Although many accountants consider themselves experts in using Excel, most accountants are self-taught and do not use Excel to its full potential. This course is designed to take experienced, self-taught users to the next level. It provides real world examples developed by accountants for accountants in the following six major topic areas: collaboration and workbook security; using tables to analyze and report data; integrating and manipulating data from external sources; creating and auditing complex formulas; advanced data analysis with subtotals, filters, and PivotTables; and using charts to analyze and communicate information. Its content is based on twenty years of experience in delivering Excel training to accountants and on feedback from thousands of accounting and financial professionals just like you. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 20, 2014

Friday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

New**Finance and Innovation: Reinvent Your Department and Company****Discussion Leader:** Richard A. Karwic, MBA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** Executive Education **ACRONYM:** FI**New**

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Innovation can thrive in "skunk-works," but it is also fostered through systems that measure report and manage innovation. Financial managers need to measure innovation metrics and report on innovation efforts. Innovation is not solely the purview of marketing, sales, service or production. Truly innovative finance professionals use technology and other simple techniques to provide new and more meaningful and actionable information to all employees. This seminar provides extensive case study analysis and many opportunities for group discussion.

June 20, 2014

Friday

Gulfport

Marriott Gulfport

The Best Income Tax, Estate Tax, and Financial Planning Ideas of 2014**Discussion Leader:** William F. (Bill) Taylor, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 Tax **VENDOR:** Surgent McCoy **ACRONYM:** IEF2-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: With higher tax rates for individuals and trusts, tax planning takes on more importance. Plus, with Social Security going bust and interest rates at an all-time low, new ideas for financial planning for retirement must be considered. The purpose of this course is to explore practical tax-planning ideas that practitioners can use to assist clients with their needs. This course is crucial for CPAs who are looking for good ideas that can save clients money!

June 23, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Forensic Accounting Investigative Practices**Discussion Leader:** Donna Ingram, CPA, CFE, CRFA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FAIP-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: This course dives into the unique investigative and communications skills and analytical practices required of the best forensic accountants by teaching you how to provide expert witness testimony in mediations, arbitrations, and governmental hearings. You'll also learn how to use proven research, investigative methods, and proper documentation of evidence to successfully complete a forensic accounting engagement.

June 23, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland **New**
Holmes CC

Microsoft Office 365 - Your Office, Your Way**Discussion Leader:** Robert H. (Bob) Spencer, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** MCO4-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: In this seminar, you will learn the value proposition behind Office 365, how to take advantage of its features, and how to configure Office 365 services such as email, Office Web Apps, collaboration tools, and instant messaging and online meeting. After completing this course, you and your team will be able to work from just about anywhere, on almost any device, and at virtually any time using Office 365. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 23, 2014

Monday
Ridgeland
Holmes CC

Technology Update**Discussion Leader:** Robert H. (Bob) Spencer, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** TUP4

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Are you ready to learn about the latest trends in technology? Do you sometimes feel lost in the technology jungle? Would you like clear guidance regarding Windows, Office, the cloud, security, and other technology-related issues? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then make plans now to invest four hours in this fast-paced and highly informative seminar that is sure to ramp up your return on technology investment. The technology tools available to all have never been better, but many are not taking full advantage of these tools. This course helps professionals at all levels understand the major trends in hardware, software, and services and how to utilize these tools to meet organizational objectives both efficiently and effectively. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 24, 2014

Tuesday
Ridgeland
Holmes CC

Small Business Internal Controls, Security, and Fraud**Discussion Leader:** Robert H. (Bob) Spencer, PhD**Cost:** Members: \$270 Non-Members: \$345 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 General **VENDOR:** K2 **ACRONYM:** ITC

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: More than ever, the importance of internal controls is being escalated, seemingly on a daily basis. For small businesses, maintaining an effective system of internal controls presents a significant challenge. Implementing many of the theoretical concepts surrounding internal controls – such as segregation of duties – may not be practical or even possible in some cases. Consequently, the current internal control structure of many small businesses fosters an environment in which too much risk is present. This, coupled with the presence of computerized accounting software, can often lead to disastrous results for small business owners and managers. This course assists accountants in evaluating, developing, and implementing an effective internal control structure in a small business environment. Throughout this course, the concept of risk-based internal controls is stressed, ensuring that small businesses are insulated from the most significant risks. For more details and a complete list of course highlights, please visit www.k2e.com.

June 24, 2014

Tuesday
Ridgeland
MSCPA Center

Governmental and Not-for-Profit Update**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Update **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** GNAU-2

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Change is inevitable and at times overwhelming if you are unprepared. Ensure you are current in governmental and nonprofit accounting and auditing. This time-tested update course is designed to prepare you for the latest accounting and auditing developments affecting governments and nonprofits.

June 25, 2014

Wednesday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Governmental Accounting and Reporting**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** GAR

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Governmental accounting and reporting is complex. Unravel the complexity with this course that explores case studies, real-world examples, and hands-on practice scenarios which offer a uniquely comprehensive blend of today's significant updates, historical perspectives, and fundamental state and local government accounting and reporting requirements.

June 26, 2014

Thursday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Applying OMB Circular A-133 to Not-for-Profit and Governmental Organizations**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** EO-OMB

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Does OMB Circular A-133 have you running in circles? This course provides you with the knowledge to be more efficient and effective at planning and performing audits in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133 and the Single Audit Act Amendments. Make sure your skills are up-to-date with the latest information and find out what changes are planned for this challenging audit area.

June 27, 2014

Friday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Case Studies in Not-for-Profit Accounting and Auditing**Discussion Leader:** Bill Wagner, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A/YB YB **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CNFP

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Gain hands-on experience with case studies designed to simulate real-world scenarios and common problems in today's not-for-profit environment. This course goes beyond the theory and will show you how to navigate the key issues that arise in not-for-profit accounting and auditing.

June 30, 2014

Monday

Ridgeland

MSCPA Center

Understanding COSO Internal Control Guidance**Discussion Leader:** Doug Logan, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 8:30-12:00**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4ICDAD-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Many managers, supervisors and accountants in business, government or nonprofits are not able to identify their departmental policies and procedures that function as the primary controls against errors and fraud. Alternately, auditors performing field work may be confused about how to interpret and evaluate management's documentation of accounting processes and controls. Neither party may truly understand how their duties differ. This course gives participants a solid understanding of systems and control documentation. After an overview of the latest COSO guidance on the components and principles of effective internal control, this course introduces participants to basic tools used to document an accounting process. Participants then identify the risks of errors and fraud in the accounting system and the presence (or absence) of compensating controls. Finally, participants will practice identifying key controls and control weaknesses.

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Write-Up Payroll, and Other Accounting Services: Managing the Risks**Discussion Leader:** Doug Logan, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$140 Non-Members: \$180 AICPA Member Discount: \$0**Course Hours:** 1:00-4:30**LEVEL:** Intermediate **CPE Credit:** 4 A&A **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** CL4BPOA-1

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION: Most sole practitioners and local CPA firms routinely provide write-up, payroll and other accounting services to their clients. Although these engagements involve no technical standards or issued opinions, they are not risk-free. They have generated a surprising number of malpractice claims. This course identifies the risks and mitigating practices throughout the life-cycle of an accounting services engagement, from client acceptance to engagement performance to withdrawal.

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Financial Statement Analysis: Basis for Management Advice**Discussion Leader:** Thomas N. Howard, CPA**Cost:** Members: \$255 Non-Members: \$330 AICPA Member Discount: \$30**Course Hours:** 8:30-4:30**LEVEL:** Basic **CPE Credit:** 8 A&A-6 Gen.-2 **VENDOR:** AICPA **ACRONYM:** FSABM

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